

the Michigan House of Representatives Appropriations Committee. Representative Jacobetti was widely acknowledged as an effective advocate for veterans and for all of northern Michigan.

Before this important facility was established in Michigan's Upper Peninsula (U.P.), the only places for a U.P. veteran to go for long-term care were Michigan's Lower Peninsula or Wisconsin. Only after veterans organizations in the Upper Peninsula advocated for and requested this facility did the state of Michigan, with help from the Federal Government, establish the Jacobetti Home for Veterans. With the establishment of the Jacobetti Home for Veterans, Michigan became one of the first states to have two full-service, long-term care facilities for veterans.

It is important to note that the Jacobetti Home prides itself on truly being a home, not just a long-term care facility. The fact that the Jacobetti Home refers to its residents as "members" reflects the philosophy that has guided the Jacobetti Home over the last 25 years. The staff of the Jacobetti Home does not refer to residents as "patients" or "guests," but as "members," a title that underscores that residents of the Jacobetti Home for Veterans truly belong to a larger U.P. community.

The Jacobetti Home provides a ceramic shop, chapel, puzzle room and a solarium. The staff and veteran volunteers of the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans provide members with outings and classes almost daily. With the help of volunteers, watercolor, woodworking, and sewing classes are offered as are shopping trips, picnics, and a host of other activities.

As of May of this year, the Jacobetti Home for Veterans had served 1,950 members. This impressive number is a glowing testament to the hard work and dedication of the Jacobetti staff who have been tireless in their efforts to serve Upper Peninsula veterans.

Dr. James Heron deserves enormous credit for leading the Jacobetti Home for nearly two decades in a dual capacity as both Director and Medical Administrator. Brad Slagle, the Director of the facility since August of 2005, deserves our support as he leads the organization into the future.

As the 25th anniversary of the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans draws near, I would also like to salute the great number of individuals who volunteer thousands of hours each year to keep the Jacobetti Home for Veterans running. Almost every year, I attend the Jacobetti Home for Veterans' annual volunteer appreciation banquet to recognize the countless hours volunteers at the Jacobetti Home give to this veterans facility. I am pleased to note the roster of volunteers grows every year. Only a few years ago, area citizens contributed 10,000 volunteer hours per year to the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans. Today, volunteer hours have increased to approximately 14,000 hours per year.

Volunteers help with the annual Jacobetti trip to the U.P. State Fair, as well as dinner nights and fishing trips. Volunteers put on Christmas parties, New Year's parties, Vegas nights and bingo. The Jacobetti woodshop is run by volunteers. Volunteers are also critical to the fundraisers that keep the Jacobetti Home operational. So, as all of the Upper Peninsula prepares to celebrate this 25th Anniversary, I tip my hat to the many volunteers

who contribute so much personal time to make the Jacobetti Home such a special place for our veterans to live.

These values of volunteerism, community and a responsibility to those who have sacrificed for our country are just a few of the things that make the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans special. Mr. Speaker, as we honor our brave fighting men and women serving abroad in Iraq and Afghanistan, it is important that we not forget them when they return home. In that spirit, for 25 years now, the Jacobetti facility has truly been a home for those who have served our country. Given the unique spirit of volunteerism and community service exhibited by the staff and volunteers of the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans, I know we can expect the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans to be serving today's soldiers, when they are tomorrow's veterans, 25 years from now.

Mr. Speaker, I close by asking that you and the U.S. House of Representatives join me in paying tribute to the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans, a facility that truly serves those who have served all of us. In this time of conflict, it is more vital than ever that we retain those values of volunteerism, community and responsibility—values that the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans truly exemplifies.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SCOTT SULLIVAN AND JOELLE JARVIS

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Scott Sullivan and Joelle Jarvis for their unparalleled commitment to serving others. Sullivan and Jarvis founded the Corps of Compassion, a grass roots organization that is helping families in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The organization is founded on the belief of people helping people, and making a difference right now.

Scott and Joelle founded the Corps of Compassion after hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated portions of the Gulf Coast. Their efforts to reach out and assist thousands of displaced Americans from these tragic events have inspired so many to help their fellow citizens. Since the hurricanes, the organization and its volunteers have provided numerous resources and services. For example, the Corps of Compassion has coordinated and sent one dozen tractor trailers to Louisiana. These trailers were filled with food, baby products, medical supplies, paper goods, clothing, water and furniture for the hurricane victims. The organization in conjunction with Feed the Relief helped and funded almost 10,000 hot meals for first responders in New Orleans.

This incredible organization has also raised close to \$400,000 in monetary donations for emergency assistance and collected over \$1,000,000 in goods and donated services for disaster victims. As a result of their ongoing efforts, the group was named by the Las Vegas Review Journal as the "Best Community Organization of 2006". In addition to donating goods to people, Corps of Compassion has helped many families through case management by connecting them with legal information, tax help and informing them of the aid for which they qualify.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Scott Sullivan and Joelle Jarvis. Their work with Corps of Compassion has enriched countless lives thrown into turmoil following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. I applaud them for their service and wish them the best with their continued mission.

A BLUEPRINT FOR NASA?

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I made the attached statement in the Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee of the House Science Committee, regarding the National Academy of Science's Decadal Plan for Aeronautics on July 18, 2006.

Thank you Chairman Calvert, Ranking Member Udall, and members of this subcommittee for the opportunity to speak today about aeronautics. Under your leadership, this Congress has been tremendously supportive of aeronautics and I am grateful for that. I am also grateful to my colleague, Representative JoAnn Davis who has fought for strong aeronautics programs.

NASA's role in aeronautics is fundamental. Its research is important because NASA is able to develop long term, high-risk enabling technologies that the private sector is unwilling to perform because they are too risky or too expensive. In fact, this has historically been the role of government-sponsored research. This is true not only with aeronautics but also with pharmaceutical research, defense research, energy research, and environmental research.

When the government sponsored basic research yields information that could lead to a service or product with profit potential, the private sector transitions from research to development in order to bring it to market. While it is not always as simple as this, it is clear that where there is no basic research, there can be no development. This research has resulted in monumental innovations that affect our daily lives. Its contributions are especially significant in the areas of national security, environmental protection, and airline safety.

NASA's aeronautics programs also contribute substantially to the nation's economy. The NASA Glenn Research Center in Brook Park, Ohio, for example, is a cornerstone of the state's fragile economy and a stronghold of aeronautics research. In FY04, the economic output of NASA Glenn alone was 1.2 billion dollars per year. It was responsible for over 10,000 jobs and household earnings amounted to 568 million dollars.

Civil aeronautics is also the major contributor to this sector's positive balance of trade, contributing \$29 billion in 2005 alone. Aeronautics contributes to a stronger economy by lowering the cost of transportation, enabling a new generation of service based industries like e-commerce to flourish by performing the research that leads to inexpensive and reliable flights.

These are only a few of the reasons that the proposed cuts to aeronautics are so pernicious. Many of the recommendations by the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) are already headed down the path of irrelevancy because we simply won't be able to pay for them. We will be feeling the effects of the proposed cuts—about 25% in FY07 alone—immediately in terms of economic jolts and then in the long term from the loss of innovation. In addition, the Administration's

projected further decline of aeronautics research in the out years erodes our workforce by sending a clear signal that funding in the long term is unstable at best, a concern echoed by the NAS reports. Our NASA workforce is the reason for our aeronautics dominance. It is that simple. But the cuts are already causing us to struggle against rising expertise in countries like China as well as an aging scientific and technical workforce at NASA.

This subcommittee and this Congress have spoken unequivocally in the past few years on this issue by keeping aeronautics strong in NASA authorization and appropriations bills. Yet the NASA budget requests have not changed. We are still underfunding the Vision for Space Exploration, forcing the agency to take money from smaller programs like aeronautics, the first A in NASA. In the process, we run the risk of taking away one of NASA's great strengths—diversity. If NASA becomes a one trick pony focused almost exclusively on space exploration, NASA as a whole is vulnerable to political wind shifts.

Our priority should be to correct this. Earlier this year, I attempted to offer a bipartisan amendment to increase funding for aeronautics in the Budget Resolution by \$179 million dollars, which would have left funding flat for FY07. But it was blocked by the Rules Committee. However, the Senate Appropriations Committee reported a bill last week that adds 1 billion dollars to cover the emergency costs associated with the loss of space shuttle Columbia. That would free up money for Aeronautics. It also included a ban on involuntary reductions in force, protecting the most valuable part of NASA, its world-class workforce. The House should support these provisions in conference.

In the long term, my hope is that this subcommittee will continue to defend aeronautics at NASA. I will most certainly do what I can to help.

HONORING OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH AND 100 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished history of the Our Lady of Victory Parish on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. Over the last century, Our Lady of Victory has provided spiritual guidance and quality education to generations of families throughout the Jefferson Park and Portage Park communities on the north side of the City of Chicago.

Our Lady of Victory was originally established on September 10, 1906 as a mission of the Saint Edward's Parish. Reverend Martin M. Lennartz served as this Catholic community's inaugural Pastor. Its first Eucharistic celebrations were held in an unassuming hall located at the corner of Milwaukee and Lawrence Avenues.

It was not until 1907, and the community efforts of Elizabeth Massmann, that the congregation was renamed, "Our Lady of Victory," after her memory and the name of her childhood church located in the state of Ohio.

The cornerstone of Our Lady of Victory's current location was laid on May 22, 1910. The three story structure located at 4444

North Laramie Avenue is now but one of the parish's many buildings.

Today, Our Lady of Victory serves approximately two hundred elementary school aged students. It has served over 3,000 families throughout the Chicagoland area in its one hundred year history.

And on October 8, 2006, parishioners and distinguished leaders of our community will come together to celebrate this momentous anniversary. The Gala Centennial Dinner will take place at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of the north side of Chicago and the constituents of the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois, I wish to recognize the Our Lady of Victory Parish and its Centennial celebration. I wish all the best for its clergy, for its families, and for its success in the future.

A TRIBUTE TO DOUG DASH

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Doug Dash, a man who has served his community and his country for nearly 30 years.

Doug is a graduate of West Chester State College. He was a teacher in Pennsauken, NJ and is the proud grandfather of a beautiful four and a half year old girl. During his time serving his community as a letter carrier, Doug has also been the Congressional Liaison for the Cherry Hill Postal Service. Mr. Dash began serving his community as a postal employee after he had already served his country in the armed forces for two years, receiving a Purple Heart after one year in Vietnam. Doug has been serving Cherry Hill and the First Congressional District of New Jersey since 1979.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Doug Dash today for all that he has done for The First Congressional District of New Jersey and our country. Doug's life of service is worthy of admiration, and in addition to being a constituent and colleague, I am proud to call Doug Dash a friend.

HONORING LEWIS EDWARD JORDAN

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and work of Lewis Edward Jordan. In a time and place when it was a rarity for an African American to operate a business, Lewis broke boundaries in the world of business. He used his acquired wealth to help lift the community as a whole and to instill the same optimism in others that drove him to accomplish so much. He passed away on June 20, 2006.

Lewis was born on September 7, 1914 in Oakville, Maryland. Lewis faced tremendous adversity as a child and teenager, living in southern Maryland after slavery with his

grandparents, who were slaves themselves. As a child he had very little money, and he only received an eighth grade education because the county where he lived, Saint Mary's County, had no high school for African Americans.

As a young adult, Lewis moved to Washington, D.C. He married Catherine Frederick in 1936 and fathered three children, Frederick, Andre, and Monica. It was in Washington, D.C. that his great creativity and vision would help him find success in his various entrepreneurial ventures. He was successful in many different businesses, including a taxicab company, a coal distribution company, mobile markets that served urban communities, a bar and restaurant, and eventually a trucking company. Lewis had the bravery to start these companies at a time in our nation's history when, unfortunately, many thought that a man like Lewis should only work for these companies rather than be the man at the helm, and his courage deserves recognition.

Lewis received many accolades for his work during and after his life. For his work on the decoration of the Blair House, he received a personal commendation by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. In addition, as a testament to his business skill, his trucking company was awarded the contracts for work on the Sam Rayburn Congressional Building as well as many other important Washington D.C. structures. Also, he received a tacit compliment from the business community when his "mobile market" concept for serving groceries to underserved neighborhoods was replicated by many.

Even when engaging in business, Lewis was socially conscious and sought to do business in a humane way. His mobile market business bloomed into all different sorts of philanthropic works. He became known for delivering fresh fruits and vegetables to families of need in northeast Washington, D.C., and in 1996 he started the Frederick and Jordan Families Fund. The fund is administered by the San Francisco Foundation, and focuses specifically on helping African American communities in areas of homelessness, at-risk youth, and food programs.

In his golden years, Lewis stayed busy, serving as chairman of the Frederick and Jordan Families Fund and writing his own book, *From Slave Days to Present Days, the Roots of the Jordan Family*, which is considered to be one of the few works portraying the lives of African Americans in Maryland after slavery.

In addition to his business and philanthropic efforts, Lewis was a loving father. His love and care are reflected in the success of his children. Andre Jordan became the highest-ranking African American federal law enforcement official in the United States; Frederick started a civil engineering and construction management firm, which was the first African American owned firm of that sort on the West Coast; and Monica is the Assistant General Counsel of a federal agency.

For his vision in business, his giving spirit, and his love of family and others, I am humbled to honor Lewis Edward Jordan. On behalf of California's 9th U.S. Congressional District, I am proud to add my voice to the countless others who have united in thanks, respect, and praise for this pioneering individual, Lewis Edward Jordan.